

REMARKS

The Office Action of 01/18/2007 has been carefully considered. Reconsideration in view of the foregoing amendments and the present remarks is respectfully requested.

The *provisional* obviousness-type double patenting rejection has been duly noted.

Claims 4 and 6-9 were rejected as being unpatentable over Nghiem in view of Hall. Claims 2, 3 and 5 were rejected as being unpatentable over the same base combination further in view of Egblom.

The combination of Nghiem and Hall as framed in the Final Rejection is believed to be unsupportable. Nevertheless, claim 9 has been amended to more clearly define over the Hall reference taken alone. In particular, claim 9 now recites that the ground plane in which the slot is formed serves as a primary radiator. Such is not the case in Hall, in which a monopole antenna serves as the primary radiator.

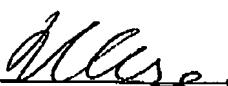
Hence, unlike Nghiem, in the present invention the conducting plate is separate from the ground conductor. And unlike Hall, in the present invention the ground conductor is a primary radiator.

As previously alluded to, it would not have been obvious to combine the teachings of the references in the manner suggested. To do so would inevitably require modifying the structure of Nghiem (although the exact manner of such modification is not specified in the Office Action). Such modifications can have unpredictable effects, as antenna design is not as predictable as many other arts. The rejection is unfounded in stating that it would have been obvious to combine the teachings of the references in a

manner inexactly specified where that combination would be liable to have unpredictable results.

Withdrawal of the rejections and allowance of claims 2-9 is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,



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